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EXDIS, VALLETTA FOR ASS'T SEC MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ET, US, YO, SO

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV ROLE IN ENCOURAGING ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. BELGRADE 393; B. BELGRADE 379; C. STATE
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